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County workers set for raises

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

All county employees could receive a 4 percent, across-the-board cost-of-living increase if commissioners approve the raises as proposed in their upcoming budget.

Garza County Judge Lee Norman said the raises are well-deserved.

"We haven't been in a position to offer any kind of raises the last two years," Norman said. "So by offering 4 percent - 2 percent for each missed year we're hoping to make up for that."

Commissioners approved adding the raises to the budget during their regular meeting Aug. 27 as requested by many county department heads this year.

Requested salary increases varied between 2.5 and 6 percent, and commissioners settled on the 4 percent.

ment heads to give up quite a bit in terms of cutbacks," Norman said. "Every department gave up something to help us balance our budget.

"We're fortunate this year to be receiving additional funds, while also cutting taxes, so we felt our budget could withstand adding the cost-of-living increases."

While the tax rate will be increasing .075 percent to .355 mils for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in Garza County, homeowners will see an average decrease of about \$7.70 on their tax bills.

The \$2.94 million budget and accompanying tax rate will be discussed in two forthcoming public hearings — 5 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Tuesday, both in Commission Chambers at the Garza County Courthouse, 115 W. Main St.

As it stands the budget is only \$220,000 more than last year.

Garza Museum

With certified county appraisals up about \$124 Norman said.

"The last two years, we've asked our county depart- million at about \$970 million this year, the proposed millage rate is less than 36 cents per \$100 valuation of assessed property.

> The average taxable value of a residence homesteaded in Garza County last year was about \$37,029. Based on last year's tax rate of 0.37809 mils the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$140.

> This year, the average taxable value of a residence homesteaded in Garza County is \$37,259. If commissioners adopt the effective millage of 0.355, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be about \$132.

> Norman said the increase in oil production throughout the county accounts for the increase in valuations.

> "Any time we're bringing in more revenue while cutting costs to our taxpayers, we're doing good,"

Post Notes

Girl Scouts

The local Girl Scouts will meet from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Girl Scout House, 506 W. Seventh St. For information, call Carol Tobias at 495-3057.

Benefit luncheon

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center will host a benefit luncheon for Ruth Walls from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 22. A laptop computer will be raffled off at \$5 per ticket. For information, call 495-2998.

South Plains Fair entries

Entries of foods items, sewing, photography, etc., for the Women's Building of the Panhandle South Plains Fair are due Sept. 18. Visit southplainsfair.com. For information call the Garza County Extension office at 495-4400.

Ragtown Gospel Theater

"Mystery of the Hebrew Scribe" is being performed at Ragtown this weekend. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and a 3 p.m. Saturday matinee.

Federal

court snubs new maps

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

A federal court in Washington, D.C., has unanimously struck down the state's new congressional district map saying it is discriminatory by aiming to limit Latino votes.

Although Texas officials will have to redraw district maps by 2014, districts will not be impacted by November's general elections.

The sharply worded ruling, issued Aug. 28, stated Texas legislators intentionally denied fair representation to Hispanic voters during the decennial redistricting process by drawing districts for four new congressional seats almost certain to elect Congress members preferred by white Republican voters.

"For other states thinking of doing anything to dilute the (power) of their minority voters or their fast-growing minority populations, this is not just a warning," said Nina Perales, vice president of litigation at the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, a civil-rights organization based in San Antonio. "This is a warning in the strongest terms."

MALDEF sued the state in federal court on behalf of a group of voting and civil-rights groups.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican, said the state will appeal the ruling.

"Today's decision extends the Voting Rights Act beyond the limits intended

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Linda Puckett, director of the Garza Museum, shows off some of the C.W. Post memorabilia on display at the museum.

C.W.Post room unveiled

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Garza County Museum officials have worked diligently the last few weeks to re-organize some of the more interesting C.W. Post memorabilia into a single display

in anticipation of an important anniversary date. The building in which the museum is now located is formerly the Post Sanitarium built by the city's founding

father in 1912. Linda Puckett, museum curator and executive director of the Garza Historical Commission, said the

exhibit moves a number of Post artifacts, photos and other memorabilia into one room — or, actually, a

room and a half.

"We felt like it would be a nice gesture to have a specific C.W. Post room dedicated to our founding father," Puckett said. "Before, his things were just kind of scattered throughout the building.

"The half-room is dedicated to all things 'Post cereal,' while the main room contains the bulk of C.W.'s family photos, books and other things."

The move, Puckett said, was twofold.

"This year marks the 100th anniversary of the building of the Post Sanitarium, which now houses the museum," she said. "In addition, the new 'Post' history book, which is due out in January, we expect to bring some attention to the history of the city, its founding and its founder."

4-H enrollment

Enrollment for the 2012-2013 4-H year will begin Aug. 15 on 4-H Connect. Those interested are asked to contact the Extension Office at 495-4400 for information. Current members must re-enroll at 4-H Connect. Registration will continue through Oct. 31.

Class reunion dance

The class of 1987 will be hosting an All Class Reunion Dance on Sept. 29 at the Post Rodeo Grounds covered slab for the classes of 1980 through 1992. Vance Guthrie and Juction 84 will provide live music. Tickets may be purchased online at post1987.myevent.com or in person from Angela Massey at 806-778-7257.

Class of 1987

The class of 1987 will be have its 25th-year reunion Sept. 28-29. Events include the Bold Gold Antelope homecoming game Friday with a reception to follow in the Community Room at Citizen's Bank. A family picnic is planned at noon Saturday at Post City Park and will include other graduating classes from Post High School. A dinner for the Class of 1987 will follow at 7:30 p.m. At 9 p.m. the class will host an All Class Reunion Dance at the Post Rodeo Grounds for the classes of 1980 through 1992. Contact Angela Massey at 806-778-7257 for information.

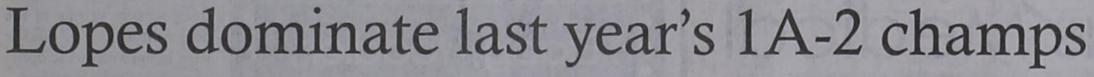
4-H Club

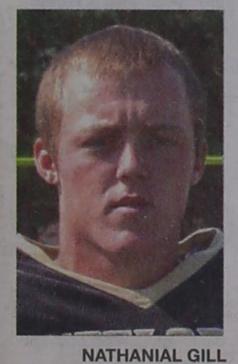
All Garza County youth grades 3-12 are invited to the 4-H Club meeting at the Junior Livestock barn at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 18. Students from Post and Southland are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. For information, call the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400 or email cdgill@tamu.ag.tx.us.

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at 806-495-2816 or thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.





Post set to face Lamesa tonight in home-opener

Comparing the two teams, however, would be like comparing the Lopes to ed. We looked a little intimidated there in tonight's opponent in the Golden Tors of Lamesa.

"We did pretty much what we expect-

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

After taking the weekend to contemplate his first win of the season last Friday at Morton, Post Antelopes head coach Steve Smith said his team would have its work cut out for them this week preparing for the Golden Tors of Lamesa High.

Turnovers and penalties seemed to plague the Lopes, despite their 31-7 routing of the Morton Indians - last season's 1A-2 region champions.

"Lamesa's a much bigger school, and their kids are a lot bigger than we are," Smith said. "We can't afford to play ball with them Friday and make the kinds of mistakes we made last week and expect to win."

Turnovers, however, also seemed to plague the Golden Tors in their 13-46 loss last week against the state ranked Littlefield Wildcats.

Golden Tors head coach David Ritchey said his team's fourth-quarter rally wasn't enough to stave off a pending loss.

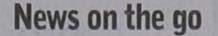
the beginning," Ritchey told the Lamesa Press-Reporter. "If we could have gotten anything going early on, we could have made it a 12-6 ball game.

"It seemed like it took us a while before we realized we were going toe to toe against a pretty good football team."

Continuing to assess his team's capability going into the season, Post's Coach Smith said even though penalties and fumbles were aplenty, "It was a first game."

"We started of slow, that was very

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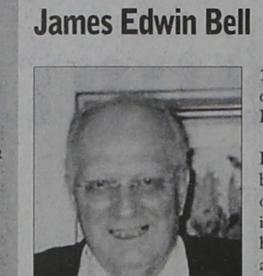
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Deaths

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JAMES EDWIN BELL

Dr. James Edwin Bell, 79, crossed over the river into eternal life on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, in Post.

Mass for Dr. Bell was at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post with a memorial service at 2 p.m. at the Post First United Methodist Church. Burial was at Christ in the Desert Monastery in Abiquiu, N.M.

He was born March 26, 1933, in Hale Center. He attended McMurry College and SMU Perkins School of Theology and was ordained as a Methodist minister in Lubbock in 1958. In May

1988, Bell received a Doctor mittee, Northwest Conferof Ministry degree at Notre ence from 1999 to 2003. Dame University.

Dr. Bell served churches at Blackwell and Morgan Mill before serving with the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. From 1959-1969 he was a missionary pastor at Methodist Blackfeet Mission in Browning, Mont. He was a volunteer staff member from 1969 to 1983 with the Ecumenical Institute, a global organization concerned with the human factor in rural development.

During his time with the Ecumenical Institute, he served on the Sioux Indian Reservation in Cannon Ball, N.D.; in the Republic of South Korea, Jeju Island and Chung Chong; and in Taiwan, Republic of China. He also served in the Republic of the Philippines; in Hong Kong; in the Maharastra State of India; in Kenya; and in Nigeria.

pastor at FUMC Midland and was pastor at Post, Muleshoe and Clarendon. He was Chairman of Mission Com-

He was a member of the Post Rotary Club, the Lubbock Chorale and performed many times on the stage of the Garza Theatre. He also served as Garza County Democratic Party chairman. James was a St. Benedictine Oblate.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy; parents, Cecil and Lillie Bell; brother Charlie Bell; and sisters Joyce Teague and Bernice Schmidt.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Latimer, (married June 26, 2004); daughter Lara Latimer of Austin; sons James Bell Jr. and wife, Xiomara, of Murray, Utah; Benjamin Bell of Eugene, Ore.; Anthony Bell of Casablanca, Morocco; sisters Jolene Bledsoe of Hereford and Cecelia Jenkins of Clifton; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to: Christ Dr. Bell served as associate in the Desert Monastery, P.O. Box 270, Abiquiu, NM 87510; or Post Animal Refuge Center, P.O. Box 13, Post, TX 79356.

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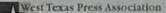
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Jorge Jr. and Mari Armendariz announce the birth of their daughter Belin at 9:15 p.m. Aug. 17, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jorge and Josie Armendariz of Post and Raquel Valadez of Aguascalientes,

White River MWD





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Letters to the Editor Policy

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Cemetery work appreciated

Just a note to tell you how much my family and I appreciate the extra work city of Post employee John Goen is doing at the cemetery. My siblings and I are beginning to age, and manual labor is nearly impossible to do on our lot. This is where my grandparents, parents, brother and two nephews are buried.

We were delighted this past week when putting new flowers to find he had

trimmed the overgrown cedars on the lot next to ours (as well as several others). Our cemetery has quite a few of these, and they sometimes cover headstones and ruin curbs, etc.

I know some people may think a full-time employee at the cemetery isn't necessary, but my family and my generation believe this is very important.

I think everyone should know what a good job John has been doing.

CAROL PEPPERS Post

Volleyball years remembered

phone calls regarding the history of volleyball at Post High School, I decided to write this letter hoping to correct some information in an article in The Post Dis-

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patch on Aug. 24, 2012. In all due respect to the Post High School varsity volleyball team and coaches, the win over Loraine was not the first ever in PHS history.

I know it was back in "the dark ages," but volleyball was played at PHS under the late Coach N.R. "Jiggs" King from about 1948 through 1960 with many victories.

Some of us on the 1957 team still have our District Champions Class 2AA volleyball patches to show for our wins plus a trophy from the Ballinger tournament.

You haven't played until you try to pick up a spike by the Craig sisters or Arleta Gary — most of the most you went through the floor with the ball. I haven't seen anything like them except in the Olympics.

Volleyball is a great sport that can be enjoyed for many years. I still play with my granddaughter (serves and set-ups, no spikes or floor pick-ups). So good luck and keep working hard so that you can win many more games and make PHS volleyball proud once again. But, most of all, enjoy playing the game.

ORABETH WHITE Class of 1957

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Board moves forward with grant process

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

White River Municipal Water District officials met in special session Monday, Labor Day, to approve moving forward with a state grant application that could provide the district with \$12 million for local water improvements.

Tom Fulton, executive director of the White River MWD board of directors and general manager of the water plant at White River Lake, said the application, which was due at the Texas Water Development Board by noon this past Tuesday, was delivered on time.

"This is a 50-percent matching grant that will allow us to make some very muchneeded improvements to our infrastructure," Fulton said.

Fulton has every confidence the grant application will be approved.

"We've been told our application and need is one of the top priorities at the state level," he said.

Fulton and his engineering

team have identified about \$40 million in infrastructure improvement needs since his hiring late last year.

Member cities of the water district, which include Post, Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur, however, have negotiated with the local water board to fund only \$6 million collectively for those improvements.

The \$6 million in debt service will be matched with the \$6 million from the state grant to put a dent in that \$40 million improvement plan.

The grant being approved, however, hinged on member cities each approving a 40year purchase water contract with the White River water board.

Members of the Post City Council approved that contract — which has been in negotiations for the last five years — at a special called meeting Aug. 28.

Fulton said Wednesday morning that Spur officials approved it Aug. 30, and officials with Crosbyton and Ralls were expected to approve by the first of next week.

Fulton said the grant process could move forward without the last two member cities' actually signing of the document as long as officials were in agreement the document would soon be signed.

The state grant is part of a \$10 million pot that will be doled out on a first-come, first



Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Neil Armstrong Cryptogram Solution on page 5

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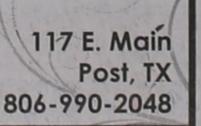
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served- basis, Fulton said. If, for some reason, the district's application is not approved, it could re-apply for funding for the 2013 year in February.

"This grant money we're expecting to receive coupled with the \$2.1 million in disaster relief funds we're also in the process of trying to acquire will allow us to greatly improve our water quality for our district's residents," Fulton said.

"I cannot understate how important it is that these purchase water contracts be approved, so we can move forward with providing the district with the best water for our members."

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4-H achievement awards



Photos submitted by Nancy McDonald

Garza County 4-H members participating at the 2012 Recognition Brunch and receiving awards were: (back row) Latham Huckaby, Colton Thompson, Ethan Self, Tori Huckaby, Audree Williams, Leslie Gill and Dalton Stokes; (front row) Kasen Wink, Emma Thompson, Kolton Wink and Addee Williams.

Brunch honors 4-H'ers, supporters

By Nancy McDonald For the Dispatch

The accomplishments of Garza County 4-H members, leaders and supporters were highlighted at the 2012 4-H Achievement Brunch on Aug. 25 at the Heritage House.

Individuals and organizations participating in and supporting various 4-H activities throughout the 2011-2012



Norman graduates Leadership Academy

Special to the Dispatch

COLLEGE STATION Twenty county judges and commissioners graduated Aug. 16 from the Commissioners Court Leadership Academy sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's V.G. Young Institute of County Government.

Rick Avery, director of the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, recognized the graduates for their commitment to advancing their leadership skills.

Garza County Judge Lee Norman was among the graduates of the class.

"These individuals are to be commended for the time and effort they spent to enhance their leadership abilities," Avery said. "I believe the lessons they take away from the Academy will directly benefit those they serve."

The ceremony concluded a two-day session for the academy members in College Station. During their stay, the class members met with leadership specialists and toured the Texas Engineering Extension Service's Brayton Fire-Training Field and Disaster City as well as received a briefing at the Texas Forest



NORMAN

The Commissioners Court Leadership Academy is a two-year program consisting of four multi-day sessions. These sessions are held in various locations in Texas and Washington, D.C., and give commissioners court members a chance to increase their knowledge of county government, develop communications skills and improve their ability to serve in a leadership position.

The V.G. Young Institute of County Government is a part of Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M University System. The in- . stitute works to meet the educational needs of county officials and the public by anticipating, identifying and

year were recognized. A number of 4-H members conducted the program and received recognition, including club President Audree Williams, along with Leslie Gill, Latham Huckaby, Tori Huckaby, Ethan Self, Dalton Stokes, Colton Thompson, Emma Thompson and Kolton Wink.

Addee Williams and Kasen Wink received Clover Kid certificates, buttons, activity books and bubbles.

Pake Jones, son of Channa and Greg Jones, was recognized as the Gold Star Award recipient, which is the top county award. It is presented to a 4-H member who shows integrity, leadership and citizenship skills, and is active in project work and activities.

The Outstanding Adult Leader honor went to Paige Huckaby for her hard work and dedication to numerous 4-H projects. She has spent countless hours helping with fundraisers, animal projects and promotional and planning events.

The Friend of 4-H award was presented to Citizens Bank of Post and President Keith Williams. Citizens Bank has been a supportive of 4-H and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County for many years. Williams and his family have long been involved with 4-H. They are strong advocates for youth and the impact they have on our community through 4-H. 4-H Leaders were recog-

nized for their tireless efforts in support of 4-H. Those



Tori Huckaby presents a plaque to Keith Williams of Citizens Bank of Post. Williams was recognized as the 2012 Friend of 4-H for continual support of the 4-H youth of Garza County.

receiving recognition were Lance Dunn, Cheryl Gill, Mark Kirkpatrick, Ray Mason, Danya Peterson, Marci Oden, Glenna Reiter, Kim Reiter and Janeece Williams. Oden also is the Garza County 4-H Club leader.

Others attending Saturday's brunch included Chad Huckaby, Madelyn Melchiors, Buddy and Mandi Thompson, Reed Williams, Kerry and Kristi Wink and County Agents Greg Jones and Nancy McDonald.

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In and around Close City

ello! Hope all is well with everyone 15 game theme is "Celebrate Cotton." The this week. The weather is about the L same. Hot, dry and brown. There is cotton popping all over the county. If we get a rain soon, it may still help out some that has not opened yet. Keep moisture in your daily prayers. The farmers as well as



the ranchers desperately need it.

Jerry and Judy Bush took a mini-vacation to Bowie and visited with Uncle Bubba and family; Salli and family as well as got to celebrate Jolie's birthday with her.

TRACI FREEMAN

I have to give a shout out to a couple of "Graham-ites." Brad Mason and Noel White both told me how much

they enjoy the Close City News. I bet they didn't know they were "Graham-ites."

There are some really good people over there. Technically, I guess I'm almost one of them I just live on the other side of the highway. My daddy went to school at Graham, and I grew up going to the Graham Chapel Church of Christ, which, by the way, I attend in town now and love it.

So I guess it's just as "cool" to be a "Graham-ite" as it is to be a "Close Cityite"

Kailea Jane Norman celebrated her first birthday with a "candy party" at Nana and Papaw's house. Kailea is the daughter of Stace and Kalyn Norman, the sister of Lane, the grandaughter of Kim and Rhonda Norman, Gerald and Laveta Norman and Ronald and Shirley Storie. Happy Birthday, Kailea Jane!

entry gates will be lined with cotton bales each with a fun cotton fact and how cotton impacts our economy. Everywhere you look you will see cotton.

There is special pricing for tickets for this game. Go to http://bit.ly/CelebrateCotton and enter Promo Code COTTON2012 or call 806-742-4412 and mention the Promo Code COTTON2012 to receive special pricing of \$20. per ticket.

If you need information, feel free to call me at the gin 495-2753

Quote of the week: "When you are tempted to give up, your breakthrough is probably just around the corner," Joyce Meyer, taken from Regena Isbell's Facebook page.

Did you know: Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning.

Close City Birthdays Sept. 7 - Brad Pitts, Chad Davis, Nancy Kemp

Sept. 10 – Kahl Yarbro Sept. 13 - Lea Johnson

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Velma Long Brown in Post; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Post; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week. Keep rain, the crops and our country in your daily prayers. See ya next week!

Traci Freeman is a resident of the Close City Community. Email her at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

Nancy's Notions You say cilantro, I say coriander

ilantro or coriander? Cilantro is a member of the carrot family and is Also referred to as Chinese parsley and coriander. It is actually the leaves and stems of the coriander plant. The spice coriander is the seed.

Cilantro has a pungent odor and is



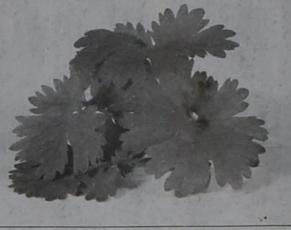
interchanged. In England, NANCY for example, only the MCDONALD word coriander is used, and they are differentiated

by referring to the coriander seed or coriander leaf. This can be confusing in recipes as the seed and the leaf have very different flavors, although each will complement the other.

In the Middle East the cilantro leaves are used in pickles, curries and chutneys. In Mexico and the southwestern United States, it is very popular and is used in everything from salsas and salads to burritos or meat dishes. This may be partly due to the fact the herb's flavor mixes well with corn. The coriander seeds are used in sweets, breads, cakes and to flavor liqueurs.

Cilantro is a fast growing annual reaching 12 to 24 inches tall. The entire plant, including the leaves, the seeds and roots, are all edible.

Coriander can easily be grown in pots. Simply pick or trim fresh leaves of whole



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sometimes disagreeable flavor as they get older and larger.

If you want to harvest seed for your next crop; do so after the leaves and flowers turn brown.

Cilantro normally is found fresh in your local grocery store and is available year-round. Before you store cilantro, it should be rinsed and left moist (not wet) and placed in a plastic bag. The cilantro may be stored for up to a week.

I've found a healthy salad using cilantro. Enjoy!

Mango Rice Salad with Cilantro

1 cup of cooked and cooled long grain brown rice 1 avocado, peeled, stoned and cubed 1 large mango, peeled, stoned and cubed 1/2 cup of fresh, chopped green onions or chives 4 tablespoons of fresh squeezed lime juice 3 tablespoons of flax oil ³/₄ cup of fresh, chopped cilantro Toss all the ingredients together and serve. You

may want to add some sliced, cold, roasted chicken.

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

widely used in Mexican, Caribbean and Asian cooking. The cilantro leaves

look a bit like flat Italian parsley and in fact are related. The word 'cilantro' in Spanish means coriander seeds.

The names cilantro and

coriander are sometimes

For all you Tech fans out there, the Sept.

stalks as required. The leaves get a stronger and

Meet a Need

Let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. - Titus 3:14 (NRSV)

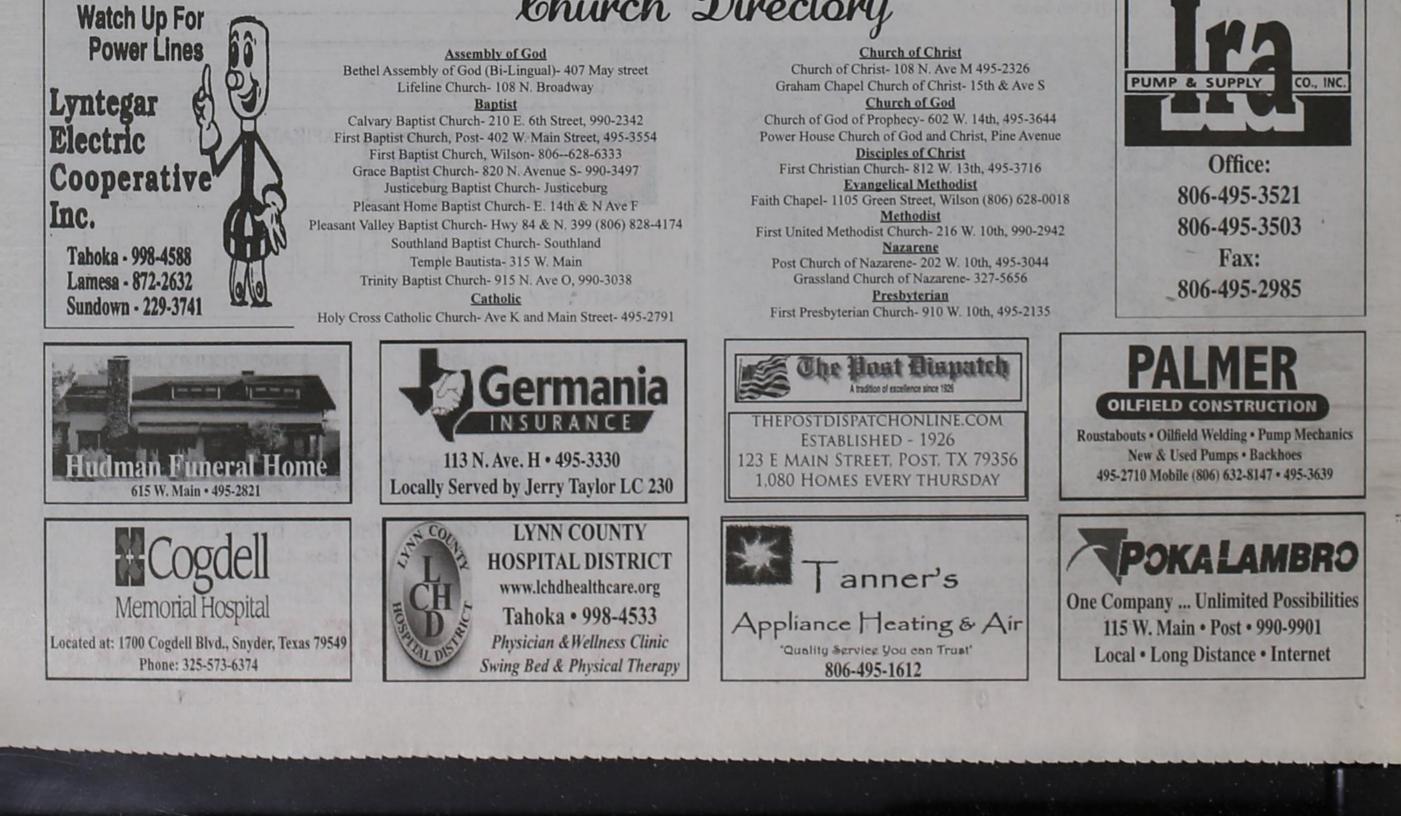
and I had a yard sale. We sold clothing, appli- fact, the letter mentions good works five times. ances, and items that had been gathering dust in Only three chapters long, its final instruction is, our storage cabinets. By the end of the sale, we "Let people learn to devote themselves to good had collected more than one hundred dollars. We works." donated the money to a friend who had met with an accident at work and was recovering in a hospital's intensive care unit.

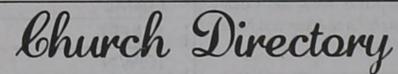
remarkable. Scripture gives special emphasis to tance, or a co-worker is hurting and needs some-Christians' engaging in good deeds. Much of the one to listen. Each of us can meet needs today letter to Titus is devoted to instructions on godly and every day. living, urging believers to be ready, to be an ex-

A few years ago, a group of my wife's friends ample, and to be zealous in doing good deeds. In

How can we apply that scripture today? Titus 3:14 tells us to meet pressing needs. Does someone you know have an urgent need? Perhaps a For Christians, doing such acts should not be family member or friend needs financial assis-

Marc Villa-Real (Rizal, Philippines)







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The 501 'Hank the Cowdog' author to perform in Post Physical therapy has

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John Erickson, author of the "Hank the Cowdog" series of books, will speak Tuesday in the elementary school auditorium.

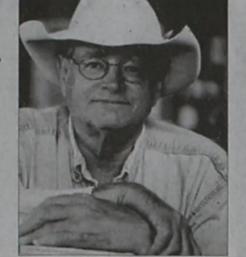
The performance, sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association, is free and open to the public. Erickson also will perform for Post Elementary students earlier in the day, then will have a public meetand-greet and book-signing from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main St.

Panhandle and is originally from Midland, has written ber of awards, including



10 years ago Sept. 5, 2002

"An American Tradition, Celebrating 100 Years of 4-H," was the theme of the 2002 Garza County 4-H Achievement Banquet on Aug. 27 honoring 4-H'ers, supporters and



ERICKSON

and published 75 books and more than 600 articles. He best is known as the author of the "Hank the Cowdog" series of books, au-Erickson, who lives in the dio-books and stage plays. His stories have won a numthe Audie, Oppenheimer, Wrangler and Lamplighter awards, and have been translates into Spanish, Danish, Farsi and Chinese.

The "Hank the Cowdog" series began as a self-publishing venture in his garage in 1982 and has endured to become one of the nation's most popular series for children and families. Through the eyes of Hank the cowdog, a smelly, smart-aleck head of ranch security, Erickson gives readers a glimpse of daily life on a ranch in the Panhandle of Texas. For information about Erickson's apperances in Post, call 495-4148.

to be one rung in hell

T's a whole new world. I've joined the Y. As in the YMCA. As in Young Men's Christian Association.

Well, at least I'm a Christian. At the Y, I ride a fake bicycle and also swim, exercises that may shorten my postknee surgery time in purgatory. Is purgatory

> capitalized? Perhaps not. But isn't Hell?

> > Even so, if I capitalize purgatory, you'd think I was talking about a ski resort in New Mexico. I'm not. I'm talking about physical therapy.

Disclaimer: Not being Catholic, all I know about purgatory is from Dante's "Divine HANABA Comedy," required reading in college and probably not the official church line. I remember levels of punishment, like maybe 14.

The River Styx was somehow involved.

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Anyway, now that I'm enrolled at a "sports" clinic for a regimen to recondition my knee, some of the things Dante wrote are coming back to me, at least vaguely.

The physical therapists and technicians are the devil's apprentices, administering the various forms of torture and thinking up new ankle, the next thing you know it's a threepound weight - your reward for doing so well with the two-pounder.

Oh well.

Anyway, whether I'm going through prescribed therapeutic paces at the aforementioned clinic or exercising at the Y, it occurs to me that masochism is alive and well today. Maybe our death wish makes suffering attractive.

Or consider the guy who pulled his hair because it felt so good when he quit. At age 7, I laughed at the joke. Now I'm thinking it describes human nature. Otherwise, fitness gyms would flounder, the Y would lose members and physical therapists would find it harder to make people do prescribed exercises. Instead we submit as we silently repeat the mantra - no pain, no gain.

Back when I was a child growing up on the farm, nobody said that. People avoided pain. Exercise? It just happened. My friend Lupy traces her golf swing to handling a hoe in the cotton patch. Weightlifting happened with hay-bale stacking. Mostly there was weightpulling — dragging long sacks that could hold 70 pounds of cotton.

Going to the gym meant going to the school to watch basketball.

Sure, those of us who played the game ran laps and did calisthenics. But we'd never heard of aerobics and wouldn't have dreamed we'd ever pay to "join" a gym to get our heart rates

their respective schools. Enrollment figures for First-day enrollment in

vesterday, the second day of school, showed about 1,365 students enrolled, 326 of them in high school.

C.R. (Pete) Lancaster has produced the first bale of 1962 Garza County cotton off seven acres of irrigated cotton 13 miles northwest of Post.

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leaders. Congratulations to 4-H members Jarrett Blevins, Junior 1 Progress Award; Kevin Strube, Best First Year Award; Dionn Heckaman, Junior II Progress Award; and Breann Heckaman, "I Dare You" Award.

Marilyn Crenshaw will serve as coordinator of a Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Capt. Michael Radle, a 1991 Post High School graduate and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech, recently completed Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. Radle is the son of Darrell and Susan Radle of Post.

20 years ago Sept. 2, 1992

A 52-year-old man was arrested Aug. 25 following kidnapping charges filed by Scurry County authorities. The man admitted to Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke that earlier he had solicited a ride in Snyder and was dropped off at the Allsup's store on Broadway in Post. The arrest was made following a request from the Scurry County Sheriff's Office. The complaint charged that the man kidnapped the vehicle's driver at knifepoint, forcing a ride to Post.

Funeral services for Pauline Coleman, former Garza County treasurer and Post Community Center director, were Aug. 29, 1992, at the Hudman Chapel with the Rev. John Walker officiating.

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Post schools was up for

the fourth straight year.

About 1,205 k-12 students

reported to classrooms on

opening day of the new

term, 123 more students

Sept. 2, 1982

Susan Shaffer, daughters of the late Jim Cornish, have announced the sale of the Post Dispatch to Wesley and Pat Burnett. Burnett has been publisher and part owner of the Ballinger Ledger and assumed operational responsibilities of the Dispatch on Sept. 1. Pearl Wallace was honored Sunday afternoon in the Graham Community Center on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

40 years ago Aug. 31, 1972

Funeral services for Jimmy Dale Smith, 19, who was accidentally electrocuted in Arlington, last Saturday afternoon, were Monday at the Post Church of Christ. Smith, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Smith of Post.

Deputy Sheriff Jim Pippin is resigning his law enforcement post here Friday Sept. 1, for what he terms "personal reasons."

The Post Public Schools opened for the 1972-73 term Monday with an enrollment of 1,148, but the number had jumped by 27 students to 1,175 when an enrollment count was made again Tuesday.

50 years ago Sept. 6, 1962

The Post Public Schools opened for the first time on an integrated basis Tuesday, with the four principals reporting that everything had started off harmoniously at

The recent burglary of the justice of the peace and sheriff's offices has been solved. The man apparently responsible was in jail all the time. Officers cracked the case when they "shook down" the second-floor jail cell of James P. Roberts, 30, of Lamesa, who has been held here since July 21 on a charge of giving an insufficient funds check for \$50 to the City Shoe Shop. Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Merritt said he, Highway Patrolman Max Knox and Police Chief Elton Corley recovered \$65 in cash, a watch, a bottle of wine, a bottle of gin, and a key to the storage room in the sheriff's office. Roberts had broken a hold through the ceiling of his jail cell, gained entrance to the attic and apparently had come down the stairs to the first floor of the courthouse, broken through the front door of the justice of the peace office and gained entrance to the other offices through an unlocked door between.

The Post City Council on Monday night made a brief, preliminary study of the new fiscal year in a special meeting on Labor Day. The proposed new city budget recently completed by Auditor A. Arthur Davis of Lubbock, is for \$434,371, nearly \$45,000 less than last year's budget.

Compiled by Elizabeth Moreno.

ones in their spare time. Forgive me if I'm mixing things up with the theology of C.S. Lewis as presented in "The Screwtape Letters," another book I first and last read in college.

Either way, I exaggerate. The exercises are rather mild, but I'm still reminded of those purgatorial punishment levels, except the longer you do physical therapy, the worse things get - not the better. If you start with a two-pound weight on your

up, particularly not by riding a bicycle that didn't go anywhere.

Therapy?

It was what psychiatrists dispensed to crazy people, who got to lie on sofas. Sounds like heaven to me.

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Lady Lopes notch second win in home-opener

Injury sidelines junior Comeaux for the season

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

The Post High School varsity volleyball team won its first home game in three sets Aug. 28 over the Knox City Lady Greyhounds.

The win is the team's second of the season in nondistrict play.

Head coach Charlyn Hohman said the game would be memorable for her because of what the team accomplished.

During a tournament two weeks ago in Littlefield, junior Kayla Comeaux was injured. It was later discovered she had torn her ACL and would be out for the season.

Comeaux had reconstructive surgery on her ACL on Tuesday. Her father, Mike Comeaux, said Wednesday morning his daughter might

be back in full swing by softball season.

> That, Hohman said, left a huge opening in her starting lineup. Freshman Brogan Macy was called up from the junior varsity team to help fill in that gap at starting setter.

> "At a time when everything could fall apart, the team bonded together, came up with new volleyball cheers and communicated better than ever before on the court," Hohman said.

> The game against Knox City was close, with each team having multiple leads.

> The second set began in the Lady Greyhounds' favor with, at one point, an 8-2 lead. The Lady Lopes rallied back when sophomore Maggie Shelton went to the service line scoring 13 points in a row with three aces.

Macy led the way in the

third set, serving 10-of-25 points with four aces.

"Brogan did a wonderful job setting up and stepping in with 17 assists," Hohman said.

Senior Haily Berry recorded one block, eight kills and 11 digs on the night.

Sophomore Kelbie Oden recorded a block, five kills and seven digs.

Junior Sara Greer had a block and four gills.

Sophomore libero Callie Odom had a kill and nine digs.

Junior Matti Smith added two assists; freshman Lauren Record recorded three kills playing middle blocker and a block.; and Shelton provided eight digs for the defense.

The team was scheduled to play Littlefield again this past Tuesday in preparation for Thursday's tournament at Antelope Arena.

The tournament, which Gan will run through Saturday, will include teams from Post, Hawley, Loraine, Rotan,



Junior Kayla Comeaux tore an ACL two weeks against Littlefield ago

Christ the King-Lubbock, Lubbock Titans, Paducah, Knox City and Aspermont.

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Enrollment open for prepaid college tuition program

AUSTIN - Parents looking to make their child's college education more affordable can begin enrolling in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program.

The enrollment period runs through Feb. 28.

"This program is a great way to prepay all or part of a child's undergraduate tuition and fees at Texas public colleges and universities at today's prices," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "And we offer flexible payment options to help fit any family's budget as they save for college."

Families in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund purchase prepaid "tuition units" that later can be used toward undergraduate tuition and required fees at schools ranging from Texas public community colleges to four-year, in-state universities. Prices are based on 2012-13 academic year costs for the state's public colleges.

Type I units, priced for tuition and required fees for the most expensive public four-year school in Texas, cost \$115.92 per unit.

Type II units, based on the

as public four-year schools, cost \$82.92 per unit.

Type III units, priced at the weighted average cost of tuition and required fees across all Texas public two-year schools, cost \$21.39 each.

Under the plan, 100 units equal one academic year consisting of 30 semester hours of tuition and required fees at the Texas public school that most closely matches the pricing base. Families can prepay for up to six years (600 Type I units or the equivalent amount of Type II and III units) of undergraduate tuition and required fees.

The plan's payment options include lump sum payments, installment payments that include 8 percent interest or a pay-as-you go plan that allows parents to gradually add more units when the family budget allows. Payments can be as low as \$15 after an account is established by paying a one-time fee of \$25 and purchasing at least one unit.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is entering its fifth year.

For information about enrolling in the program, including a college cost calculator, go to Texas Tuition Promise Fund.

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Post JV team downs Levelland

By Jerry Pyles For the Dispatch

The Post Antelope junior varsity football team defeated Levelland during their Aug. 30 matchup.

The Bold Gold defense caused a fumble on the Loboes opening driving. Christian Saucedo stripped the ball and the Lopes recovered. Three plays later fullback Blaine Reece scored from 40 yards out, and Cambry Gilbert added

the two-point play. Later in the quarter, tailback Gilbert added a five-yard touchdown run.

During the second quarter, Gilbert took a pitch from quarterback Jarred Curtis and ran down the right sideline to pay dirt to extend the lead to 20-6.

The Lopes continued scoring after halftime. Curtis checked off to a hot route to receiver Shandon Wiley, who caught the ball behind the defense to give the Lopes a 26-12 lead heading into the final quarter of play.

Other key performances: Ricky Fontenot, Ethan Self - KDP; Christian Saucedo - caused fumble; Shandon Wiley INT; offensive line Alex Perez, Caleb Krenshaw, Blake Boren, Rafeal Gonzales, Edel Sanchez, Tristan Fannon, David

Hernandez. Post was scheduled to play at Lamesa on Thursday.

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weighted average cost of tuition com or call (800) 445-GRAD and required fees across all Tex- (4723), Option 5.

Menus Week of Sept. 10-14

Post ISD Breakfast

Monday: Bacon, egg and cheese biscuit, fruit, milk Tuesday: Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk Wednesday: Cream of wheat, sausage, toast, fruit, milk Thursday: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch

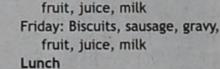
Monday: Toasted ham and cheese, veggie dippers, oranges smiles, baked chips, chocolate chip cookie, milk Tuesday: Crispy tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas, hot roll, milk Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, green beans,

bread stick, apple crisp, milk

Friday: Submarine sandwich, tater tots, peaches, brownie, milk

Southland ISD

Breakfast Monday: Waffles, bacon, fruit, juice, milk Tuesday: Breakfast bar, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk Thursday: Muffins, yogurt,



Monday: Hamburgers, tater tots, Western beans, diced pears, milk

Tuesday: Tangerine chicken, brown rice, carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball

salad, milk Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday: Stuffed barbecue potato with cheese, baby carrots, crackers, fresh fruit, cherry fruit bar, milk

Friday: Chicken parmesan, green beans, garden salad, apples, breadstick, milk

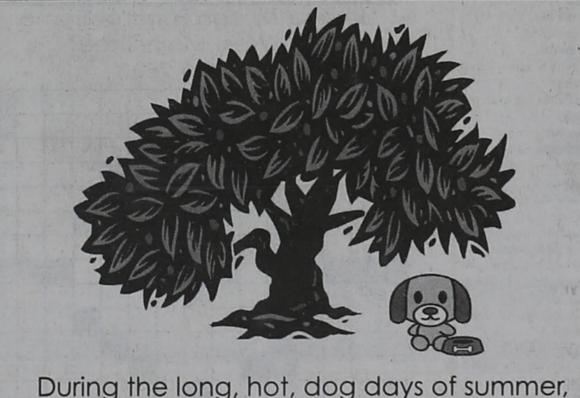
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Monday: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, okra, banana pudding, roll, milk Tuesday: Tilapia, mustard greens, marinated cucumbers, strawberries, milk Wednesday: Taco pie, salad, beans peanut butter cup,

milk Thursday: Chicken tenders, mixed squash, potatoes, roll, fruit cup, milk Friday: Smothered steak, greens, mashed potatoes," peach shortbread, milk

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Garza County Commissioners Court is considering the following 4% salary increases for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012

ELECTIVE OFFICE	OFFICIAL	PROPOSED	LONGEVITY	Ph/Uniform	STATE	INCREASE
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County Judge	Lee Norman	\$33,195.00	\$1,020.00	. \$960.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,337.00
County Clerk	James Plummer	\$37,927.00	\$480.00		1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	\$1,519.00
County Attorney	Mike Munk	\$37,104.00	\$180.00	\$480.00	\$20,833.00	\$1,487.00
County Treasurer	Ruth Ann Young	.\$41,840.00	\$1,260.00			\$1,669.00
County Tax A/C	Judy Bush	\$38,407.00	\$1,380.00			\$1,537.00
JP #1	Gordon Terry	\$32,797.00	\$300.00	0	0	\$1,321.00
JP #2	Dee Justice	\$32,797.00	\$1,740.00		1	\$1,321.00
Constable #1	Daniel Yarbro	\$40,347.00	\$900.00	\$780.00		\$1,712.00
Constable #2	Eric Cravy	\$33,865.00	\$660.00	\$780.00	0	\$1,363.00
Sheriff	Cliff Laws	\$45,025.00	\$1,320.00	\$780.00		\$1,792.00
Commissioner #1	Gary McDaniel	\$30,565.00	\$420.00	\$480.00		\$1,236.00
Commissioner #2	Charles Morris	\$30,565.00	\$300.00	\$480.00	The Party of the	\$1,236.00
Commissioner #3	Ted Brannon	\$30,565.00	\$180.00	Contraction of the second second second		\$1,236.00
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Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Post Rotarians Bud Davis, Kerry Dixon, Scott Richards and Linda Puckett prepare to feed more than 200 barbecue plates Aug. 27 to area residents as part of the Smokin' in the Park state championship cookoff event.

Rotary cookoff now a tradition

Last year's event drew

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

This year's Smokin' in the Park state championship barbecue in City Park was a success by most any secondyear standard.

The event, sponsored by

about 19 participants, compared to this year's 49. This year's event was state-sanctioned by the Texas Legislature and governed by the Lonestar Barbecue Society. This year's event began Friday with barbecue plates being sold to the public. More than 200 meals were served. Later that evening, local talent Vance Guthrie and Junction 84 entertained. Saturday's cookoff event saw a total of six local participants, including Larry Bond, Clay Ham, Jeremy King, Rolanna Moore, Chase Odom and Dickie Odom. While local participants placed in eight of the top 10 in four different categories, Brendon Locker of Graham was named grand champion, and Iowa Park's Chris Eaves was named reserve grand champion.

Cookoff results

Grand Champion: Brendan Locker -Graham, Texas Reserve Champion: Chris Eaves - Iowa Park, Texas

Harvest decision aid available

By Shawn Wade and Mary Jane Buerkle Special to the Dispatch

A hot topic across the High Plains the past few weeks has been the discussion of if and when it makes economic sense to harvest a very low-yielding cotton crop. The bottom line to the decision is whether or not the effort will net a positive economic return to the producer

While any number of things will ultimately impact a producer's decision, conservative forecasting of cotton lint prices for 'middle- to lower-quality type cotton in the range of 50 to 60 cents per pound can still yield positive economic returns, thanks to an added expectation of strong cotton seed prices around \$250 per ton this harvest season.

That combination sets the stage for the value of harvested cotton to match up pretty well with a projected crop insurance harvest price that could be around 70 cents per lint pound.

"There are a lot of variables that have to be considered in the decision to harvest a lowyielding crop in 2012," Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "As long as it makes economic sense at the farm level, a harvested crop also will be of tremendous benefit to our allied industry segments."

The first thing producers duced as well,"Yates said. "That

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A downloadable excerpt from the Federal Crop Insurance Loss Adjustment Handbook containing the Boll Count Appraisal rules is available on the Plains Cotton Growers website at plainscotton.org. The spreadsheet can be downloaded directly from the Lubbock Extension Center website at agrilife.org/southplainscotton.

Verett noted estimating yield is usually the hardest, but the most critical, part of the process. There always will be a margin of error, but the federal crop insurance loss adjustment process, when applied correctly, should provide a reasonable figure to start from.

"It is important for everyone involved, from the adjuster to the producer, to remember that estimating the most accurate yield possible is critical," Verett said.

In order to help sort all of these variables out, Jay Yates, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension risk management program specialist in Lubbock, has worked with Plains Cotton Growers to develop a spreadsheet to assist producers in estimating the potential net value of a 50- to 150-pound cotton crop.

"The spreadsheet is set up to allow a producer to plug in expected loan values for the type of cotton they expect to harvest, estimate the market equity that might be realized and also figure an estimated value for the cotton seed that will be produced as well "Yates said "That He noted that yields of 75 pounds have the potential to generate a modest positive cash flow after harvest costs are applied, even when expected lint prices (expressed as a combination of loan value plus market equity) are at 65 cents per pound.

"The bottom line is that even an extremely low yield can potentially generate a modest positive cash flow and not adversely impact what the producer will receive from crop insurance and other industry risk-sharing programs," Yates said.

Regardless of the ultimate decision producers make, Verett said scrutiny on farm policy makes it even more imperative for everyone to maintain the integrity of the appraisal process within the federal crop insurance program.

"These programs are in place to help our growers manage their risk and prepare for difficult times," Verett said. "We must ensure that we do nothing to put our crop insurance programs into jeopardy."

Although the majority of claims are handled properly, Verett said, stories of inaccurate appraisals typically surface in a year with diverse crop conditions.

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the Post Rotary Club, raised nearly \$12,000, about half of which was awarded during the event in various competitions.

> The other half of the money raises will be put toward local scholarships and other Rotary-backed charities.

"This has become the local Rotary Club's biggest fundraiser of the year," club spokesman Dave Tyler said. "We want to continue to grow it into the state championship event it's become in order for us to give back to the community."

Rig counts Railroad Commission releases September allowables, statistics

AUSTIN – The Texas average rig count as of Aug. 17 was 900, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States.

In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 461 million barrels of oil and 7.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Railroad Commission's estimated final production for June is 46,172,198 barrels of crude oil and 520,218,696 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the prelimifeet). In setting the initial September allowables, the commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability.

These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for September is reported.

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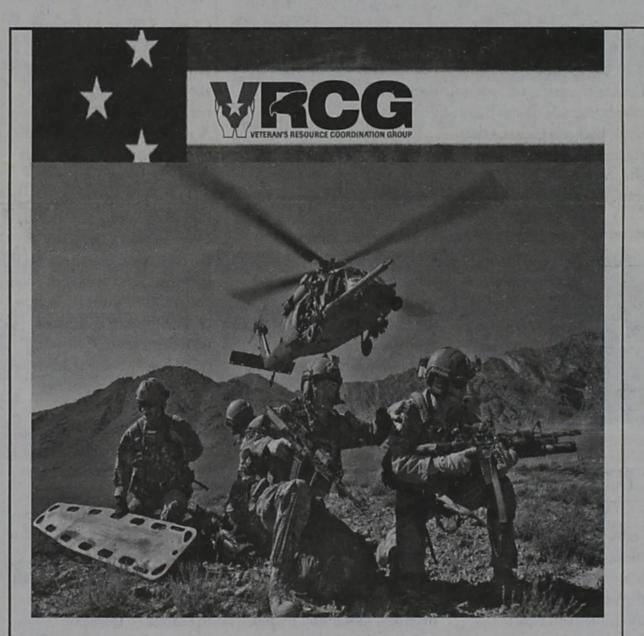
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e- gross value can then be applied to the expected expenses for re, harvest and ginning that would be incurred to determine the net value across an operation or al per acre."

Yates said the results might surprise some people.

"We all have a responsibility to keep these programs functioning properly and without fraud and abuse," Verett said.



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nary June production totals of 38,566,821 barrels of crude oil and 438,300,359 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1972 for crude oil and 1.1869 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the commission for July was 389,787,924 Mcf compared to 382,867,842 Mcf in July 2011. The August 2012 gas storage estimate is 385,510,467 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial September natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 9,784,268 Mcf (thousand cubic



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Peggy White, district governor for the area Lions Club groups, of Lubbock, was the guest speaker at the Aug. 30 weekly luncheon of the Post Lions Club. She was welcomed by Lions Club President John Berry.

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by Congress and beyond the boundaries imposed by the Constitution," Abbott said in a statement. "The Attorney General's Office will continue defending the maps enacted by the Texas Legislature and will immediately take steps to appeal this flawed decision to the U.S. Supreme Court."

When the Republican-controlled legislature returns to session in January, it will have to decide whether to draw up a new map or allow a San Antonio-based federal court which played a pivotal role in a compromise interim plan used for this year's primary elections

- to take up the case. Congressional reapportionment takes place every 10 years, after the Census, to ensure growing states are assigned additional representation and to remove that from areas with shrinking populations.

Because of Texas' history of voter discrimination, particularly among minorities, federal approval must be attained before any changes are made to any legislative maps.

After the 2010 Census, Texas was awarded four new congressional seats in the reapportionment process widely attributed to the state's booming Hispanic population.

According to court records,

officials with the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund sued the state after obtaining an email in November 2010 that indicated a Texas legislative staffer suggested drafting new districts by identifying communities with a large number of voters with "Spanish" surnames and low voter turnout, then lumping them together into districts designed to include a majority of minority voters.

Staffers then drew new districts with a large number of active Hispanic voters pushing them into predominantly Republican, non-Hispanic white districts.

MALDF officials argued the impact of the more active and largely Democraticleaning Hispanic voters would be minimized by these largely Republican-controlled areas, almost guaranteeing any reelection campaign by a sitting Republican.

According to the court's decision, "The only explanation Texas offers for this pattern is 'coincidence.' But if this was coincidence, it was a striking one indeed.

"It is difficult to believe that pure chance would lead to such results."

The judges also noted they did not need to consider the full body of evidence presented before them to conclude the state acted with discriminatory intent in crafting the maps.

the ball 18 times for a total of 193 yards and a touchdown.

Smith also credited lineman

Nathanial Gill, who had 14

tackles — five for loss of yards

Legends

Part 2: A city in the middle of nowhere

hen we left off last week, we wrote about the visit of Battle Creek correspondent Fannie Sprague Talbot who came to Post as a guest of the Post family:

The town was just beginning, mule trains were still



and the LINDA new families PUCKETI who came

to settle the new frontier.

Alexander kept Mr. Post informed with a summary of the week's work including every detail in an effort to keep him (Post) well informed. But Post wanted to know exactly how things were going. The workmen on the buildings and the clerks in the offices were soon to find out their boss knew what he wanted and how it should be done.

On the morning of his arrival, Post walked down the main street to see how the work was progressing on the stone building that was to house the eight Double U stores. He let his eye run along one of the unfinished walls and then went up to the foreman in charge, Jim Bardwell. "Do you have a square?" he

asked. "Yes." "Do you have a compass?"

"Yes." "Do you have a plumb?" "Yes."

"Well, by God, see that you use them.'

Then he walked briskly away. Even if he was in his car, he would stop if he saw a man making a mistake on his job, and show him how it should be done. Laying stone with the three Scottish masons at Post City - George (Scotty) and

Charlie Samson and Jimmie Napier — was one of Post's favorite jobs: There was little about the occupation he did not know.

A stranger, seeing him in his white 10-gallon Stetson, blue shirt, yellow corduroy pants and black cowboy boots, might have taken him for one of the cowpunchers. Even some of the men themselves, when they met him for the first time and he asked them for a chew of their tobacco and talked with them about their work, could hardly believe this was the boss and owner of the town.

Nights and mornings are chill enough for a fire in the heating stove, so mesquite wood has to be prepared for it and the kitchen range. Mr. Post takes his place at the sawbuck and also wields a mighty strake with the axe, working up a pile of the sticks. He even brings in armfuls to the wood boxes, occasionally remarking: "Good exercise for the Old Man." In the course of their stay, Post and his party received frequent invitation. On one occasion they went to visit Mrs. S.E. Harper, a widow who had sold land to Post on which the town was built. She was the lady we mentioned last week

spit quite accurately at any intended target.

She was described by Fannie Talbot as a "quaint character," and one of the real treats of her stay was a visit to Mrs. Harper's house.

Her house, like that of most early settlers in the region, where there was no wood or rocks, was built of sod. For years, her husband and two sons had lived miles and miles from other people. Now she was trying to accustom herself to hearing the cackle of chickens other than her own, as well as the building activities here in Post City. We were greeted by her most cordially on entering the door of her domicile, and stepped

down the stairs into the one long room with beds on each side under the tiny windows. All the beds give evidence of billowy feather ticks under the pieced coverlets. Then come numerous trunks and chests, spread over with blankets and quilts, cupboards, tables and chairs.

Part three of Fannie Talbot's story continues next week.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza County Museum and Historical Commission. Southland

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apparent," Smith said. "It was our first game, and there were a lot of flags. But we won by 24 points, so we must've been doing something right."

Smith credited the win to key players, including defensive lineman Alan Alaniz, who had 11 tackles, three of which were for loss of yards; and running carried

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- three sacks and a safety; and wide receiver Dalton Holly, who had 108 yards receiving. "Our kids played hard last week, but we'll have to take it to the next level if we are going to compete this week," Smith said.

> "We'll continue to work hard this week and hopefully we'll come out with another 'W'."

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Filled with old photographs and list of organization charter members, this indexed work will be of interest to Garza County history buffs and local genealogist alike.

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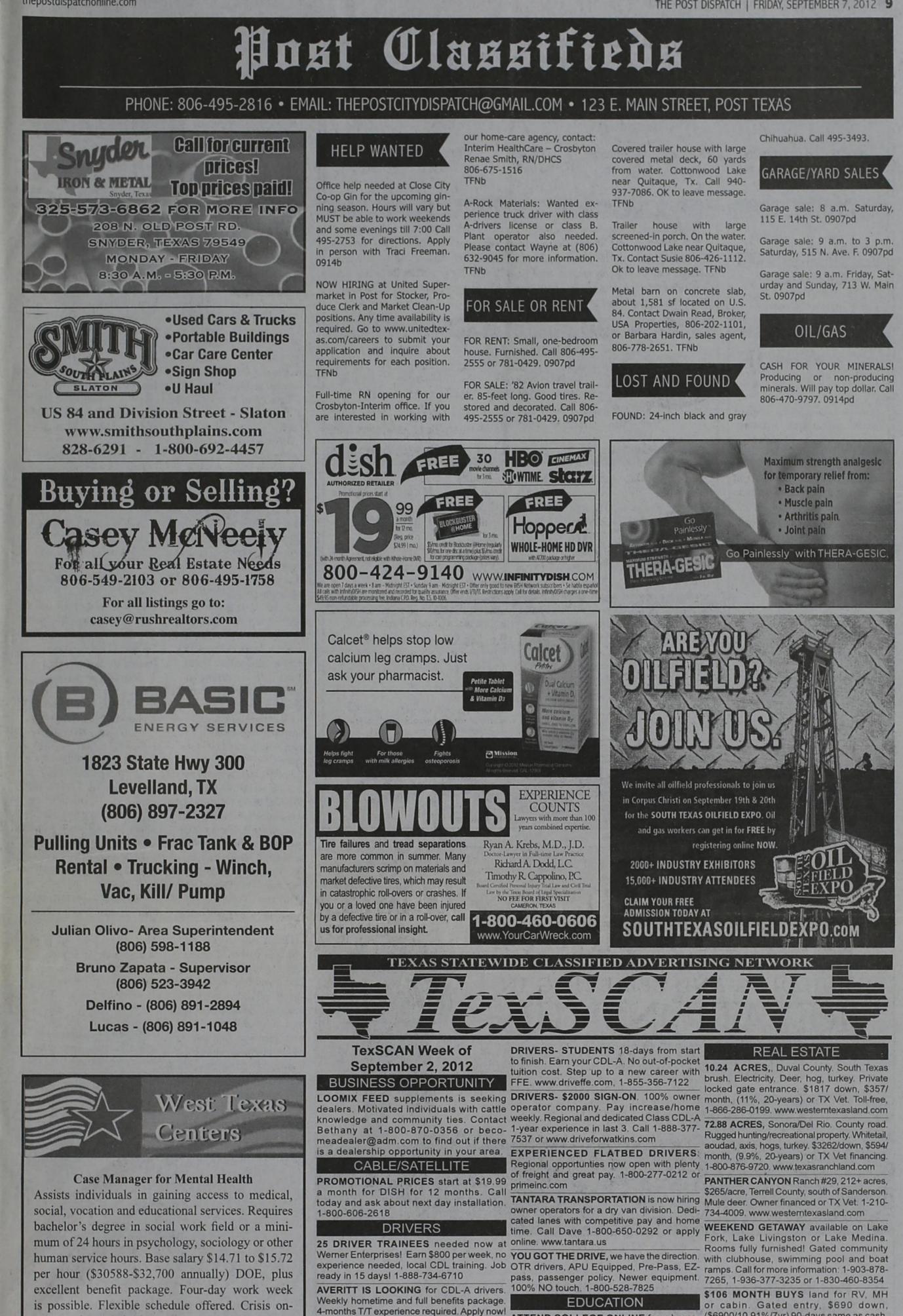
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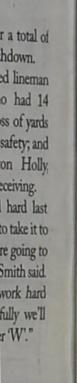
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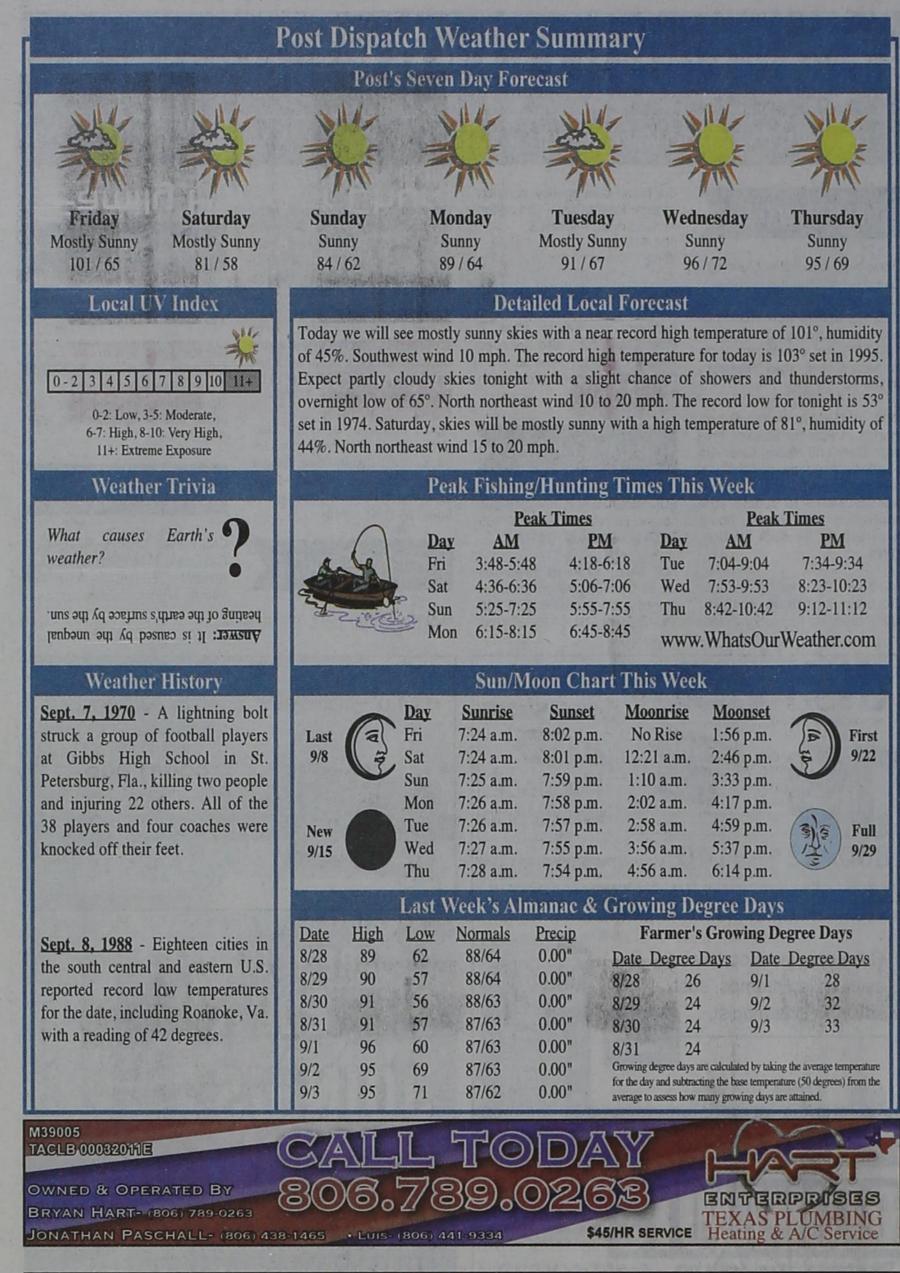
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Nicole

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It was a sweet sight, no doubt. My heart is always drawn to God's animal

out in her RONDA basement one RICH afternoon

when Rodney stomped down the stairs and ambled in. "I got a pen," he said to her. "Where do you want me to set it up?"

They made commotion about exactly where to put it in the yard - somewhere near the pasture, she suggested - then Rodney hurried off. I heard enough to know what was going on - a baby calf had lost his mama and someone was going to have to bottle-feed him. Nicole's boys had either volunteered or been volunteered.

Rodney had been down and sick for a few days so his hired help had gone over to our farm, several miles from Rodney's farm, to check on the black Angus there and discovered the baby's mama dead, gone, he figured, for two or three days. The baby had kept himself alive by, as Rodney put it, "stealin' milk from four other mamas." Rodney and his friend the preacher set up the pen and unloaded the calf Rodney had roped up with his belt and set down in the floorboard of his truck to bring him back. As we finished our workout, we looked out the glass doors to see the preacher, Pastor Joe, gently teaching the youngest boy, Nix, how to feed a bottle to a calf. I thought back to the calf I had raised when his mama died. He was a half-breed, Daddy said. Somehow a black Angus bull had meandered over from another pasture and bred with one of our red and white Herefords. The result was an enormous calf so big his mama could not bear him. The vet performed a Cesarean, delivered the calf, then watched

over the mama for a couple of days until she died.

"If you'll take responsibility for feeding that calf, I'll give him to you," Daddy said. I was 11 and raised to be responsible, so I never had to be reminded to mix the formula in the big bottle then hurry out to feed him before school then again when I returned. I called him Sir Lancelot, and he followed me like a devoted dog. Much better than Dixie Dew, for sure.

That day at Nicole's, seven kids climbed on top of the pen and watched the scared young animal. Bree, one of the 3-yearold twins, had thoughtfully brought a bib for the bottlegiving. They were so excited, clapping their hands in delight then scrambling down to touch him.

"How old is he?" I asked. "About a week?" I had a new one, six days old, at my house and they looked to be the same Y X size.

Rodney nodded. "Sommers around there."

"How did you figure out which calf was the orphan?" I asked. I knew the answer, though. I had just seen an episode of the old black and white Western, "The Rifleman." A mama cow will always find her baby when it's time to feed. It had taken Rodney a couple of hours of isolating the cows before they had all paired up and left the orphan out in the cold. As the glossy black one ran around the pen and the children cheered, I shook my head. "That poor thing has no idea he's just become part of a circus." Oh, but how they loved him from the beginning. He, I knew from my own experience, would soon love them, too. They would all be devoted to each other. "You don't just have a calf to raise," I said to Nicole as I was leaving. "You've got a cow for life, to live in your yard. Those kids will never let him go." I can't think of a sweeter gift, either. For any of them.

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